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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

House No. HB1834  
By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1994, and all other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the election of mayor and aldermen for the Town of Baileyton.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1994, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Article II, Section 2.01 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 2.01 Election of Mayor and Aldermen.

(a) On the first Thursday in August, 1996, a nonpartisan election shall be conducted by the county election commission at the same hours and places for holding the general election held on that date, and under the general election laws of the state, to elect a mayor and four (4) aldermen from the town at large. The current incumbent mayor and aldermen shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Any elector who is eighteen (18) years of age or over and has been a resident of the town for at least two (2) years may be qualified as a candidate for alderman by filing a nominating petition with the county election commission in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101. Any elector who is twenty-one (21) years of age or over

and has been a resident of the town for at least two (2) years may be qualified as a candidate for mayor by filing a nominating petition with the county election commission in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101.

(b) The nominating petition shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

We, the undersigned electors of the Town of Baileyton, hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_, whose residence is \_\_\_\_\_, for the office of alderman (mayor), to

be voted for at the election to be held on the \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_, (year); and we

individually certify that we are registered voters.

Date\_\_\_\_ Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Persons nominated may withdraw their nominations by written notice to the county election commission in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-204. Names of candidates shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot; the residence addresses of candidates having the same or substantially similar surnames shall also be printed on the ballot.

(d) Each elector shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for mayor for a four-year term in the election to be held on the first Thursday in August, 1996, and in the elections to be held every four (4) years thereafter. Each elector shall be entitled to vote for four (4) candidates for alderman in the election to be held on the first Thursday in August, 1996. In the election to be held in August, 1996, the two (2) candidates for alderman who receive the highest and second-highest numbers of votes shall be elected to terms of four (4) years. In the election to be held in August, 1996, the two (2) candidates for alderman who receive the third and fourth-highest number of votes shall be elected to terms of two (2) years. Thereafter, an election shall be held on the first Thursday in August of each even-numbered year. In the election of August, 1998, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected, in the same manner described above, two (2) aldermen for four (4) year terms. In the election of August, 2000, and

every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected, in the same manner described above, a mayor and two (2) aldermen for four (4) year terms. The terms of office of the mayor and aldermen shall begin at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday in September following their election, and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. No informality shall invalidate such an election, provided it is conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of this charter and the general election laws of the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the Town of Baileyton. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Town of Baileyton and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 2.

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